GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3215
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AGREEMENTS WITH FOREIGN COUNTRIES FOR NHS DEVELOPMENT
ALE NARENDRA

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have signed any agreements with foreign countries for development of four laning of National Highways in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the agreements signed with each country; and

(c) the expenditure likely to be incurred thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJOR GENERAL (R B.C.KHANDURI)

(a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Government has signed a memorandum of agreement with Government of Malaysia on 19.12.2000 which was later replaced by a concession agreement signed on 27.03.2001 for the following three projects:

(i) 4 laning of Tada-Nellore section of NH-5 from km. 52.8 to km. 163.6.

(ii) 4 laning of Nandigama-Ibrahimpatnam section on NH-9 from km. 217 to km. 252.

(iii) Operation and maintenance of 4 laned section of NH-9 between Vijayawada to Ibrahimpatnam.

These are BOT projects and are being implemented by a Consortium laid by CIDB Inventures Malaysia, a Government of Malaysia entity. The total project cost agreed to at Rs. 760 crores will be invested by consortium except an portion of grant amounting Rs. 167.5 crores which is being provided by National Highways Authority of India.The projects are to be completed by December, 2003. The concessionaire i.e. CIDB Inventures Malaysia has been awarded a concession period of 30 years including construction period.